



WEST END

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 11, 2024 AT EIGHT FORTY-FIVE
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

GATHERING

Voluntary: Toccata in G..... Johann Ludwig Krebs
All Glory Be to God on High

Welcome.....Carol Cavin-Dillon
Please take a moment to let us know you are here today by either filling out the attendance form in the pew or by visiting westendumc.org/attendance. If you are a first-time guest with us today, please share a way to connect so that we can share more information about West End UMC with you!

Introit: For Your Light Has ComeRonald A. Nelson

† Processional Hymn No. 173: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the SkiesRatisbon

† Call to WorshipMolly Borneman
Leader: Lord, you revealed your glory on the mountain to your disciples.
People: Show us your glory!
Leader: Reveal to us the light of your countenance as we worship you this day.
People: Show us your glory!

† Call to Confession

† Prayer of Confession **(in unison)**
Radiant God,
source of light, as you surrounded Jesus with your glory, so you come to us in penetrating brightness.
You catch us off guard and expose our weaknesses.
For the times we seek the spectacular, call us to acts of mercy and justice.
When it is easier to create safety nets and hoard you for ourselves,
remind us that your love knows no bounds.
Where we have sought to limit you, expand our imaginations.
Move our hearts from the temporal to the eternal so we may carry your good news into all the corners of the world.

† Silent Confession

† Words of Assurance
Liturgist: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God. Amen.

† Passing the Peace
Liturgist: As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us exchange signs of reconciliation and love. The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

† Gloria Patri.....No. 71
**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Anthem: Let Us Go to the House of the Lord.....Susan Eltringham
(Refrain) Let us go to the house of the Lord. Praise Him! Thank Him! Sing for joy!
Let us go to the house of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise His holy name!
Listen to the trumpet. Listen to the drum. (Refrain)
Listen to the flute. Hear the tambourine. (Refrain)

The Sacrament of Baptism
Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith
Liturgist: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?
People: With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that he may grow in service with others. We will pray for him to be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

† Commendation and Welcome
Liturgist: Members of the household of God, I commend Christopher James to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.
People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you, Christopher James, and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant to participate faithfully in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

† Musical Response No. 611, St. 1
**Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for IlluminationEllie McCord
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that
as the Scriptures are read and the Word proclaimed, we may hear with
joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

A Lesson from the Gospel.....Mark 9:2-9

Response to the Lesson
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Sermon: Invited to the Thin and Thick Places.....Carol Cavin-Dillon

† Affirmation of Faith, No. 883Shannon Baxter
**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in
Jesus, the Word made Flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in
us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified
and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns of the Church

Salutation
Liturgist: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Liturgist: Let us pray.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (**in unison**)
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory: O Lux BeatissimaHoward Helvey
O light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful.
Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful
(*Translation from Latin*)

† Doxology No. 94
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SENDING FORTH

† Recessional Hymn No. 568: Christ for the World We Sing..... Italian Hymn

† Benediction

† Benediction Response: Go with Us Lord.....Tallis' Canon
**Go with us Lord, and guide our way,
through this and every coming day,
that in your spirit strong and true
our lives may be our gift to you.**

Voluntary: In Thee Is Gladness, BWV 615 J. S. Bach

*The voluntary is the final Alleluia of our worship.
All are invited to remain for a time of joyful prayer.*

† The congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Louise and Bill Wills by Allison Wills Brooks and Phil Brooks.

A rose on the table celebrates the birth of Lowell William Franquemont, who was born February 3rd to Madeline and Dan Franquemont.

Christopher James Smillie, Jr., son of Chris and Taylor Smillie, is presented for baptism today at 8:45 am.

Wells Martin Birkmeyer, son of Jennifer and Justin Birkmeyer, will be presented for baptism today at 11 am.

Today's liturgy was adapted by Reverend Aimee Baxter from Mark 9:2-9 and UMC Discipleship resources.

Music Participants

The Sanctuary Choir
Andrew Risinger: Director / Organist
Matthew Phelps: Assisting at Organ

Asbury Choir
Bethany DiSantis - Conductor

Today's Music

Charles Wesley first published the text, "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies," in *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, 1740. The text was included in a number of nineteenth century hymnals after being published in two other eighteenth century collections. The tune *Ratisbon* entered our hymnals in 1935 in the version found in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

Bulletin Cover Art

"The Transformation of Jesus Christ," was painted in 2006 by Cornelis Monsma who grew up in The Netherlands with no art training but now lives in New Zealand and describes his work this way: "Like many other fellow Christians, I started out with a well-meaning attitude of 'wanting to do my part' for the Christ who gave so much for me. I ended up, however, finding 'me' wanting, and I found that Christ doing His part Himself through me, was the only fruitful situation to be in."

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 11

8:45 a Children's Church
8:45 a Worship Service
9:45 a Sunday School
10:00 a Greeter and Usher Training
11:00 a Children's Church
11:00 a Worship Service
12:00 p Confirmation Class
2:00 p Vocal Arts Nashville concert

Scales Chapel
Sanctuary

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Monday, February 12

10:00 a Sunny Day Club
5:30 p SPRC Meeting

McWhirter Hall
310

Tuesday, February 13

7:30 a Morning Bible Study
5:00 p Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
6:30 p Jazz Mass

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McWhirter Hall
Sanctuary

Wednesday, February 14

12:00 p Ash Wednesday Service
6:15 p Ash Wednesday Service
7:30 p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sanctuary
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Music Suite

Thursday, February 15

12:00 p Lenten Concert Series
12:45 p Lenten Concert Series Luncheon
7:00 p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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McWhirter Hall
Music Suite

WEST END STAFF

Rev. Dr. Carol Cavin-Dillon..... Senior Pastor
Rev. Will McLeane Pastor of Spiritual Formation
Rev. Maggie Jarrell Pastor of Children & Families
Rev. Stacey Harwell-Dye
..... Pastor of Mercy and Justice Ministries
Rev. Shannon Baxter
..... Pastor of Congregational Connection
Rev. Aimee Baxter Pastor of Young Adults
Molly Borneman Pastoral Fellow
Dr. Tammy Lewis Wilborn... Congregational Care Intern
Matthew Phelps..... Minister of Music
Andrew Risinger Associate Minister of Music
Nico Zavala..... Music Intern
Emily C. Robbins..... Minister of Youth
Melanie Paulson Director, HR & Operations
Shelley Kuhlmeier..... Communications Director

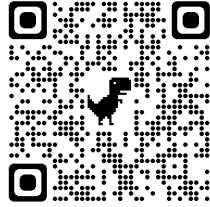
Lazaro Kapella..... Church Financial Officer
Jim Raver Property Operations Manager
Corye Nelson Preschool Executive Director
Christina Shoptaw Preschool Operations Manager
Cheryl Reeves Preschool Curriculum Coordinator
Karina Gurgenzidze Childcare Coordinator
Cindy Siemer..... Senior Administrative Assistant
Julie Catterton..... Assistant to Senior Pastor
Andrew Callis..... Administrative Assistant
Tosha Jackson Receptionist
Devon Bardo..... Receptionist
Chase Bencin Media Coordinator
Cin Tuang..... Media Assistant
Open..... Building Engineer
Richard Thomas Custodian

A WARM WELCOME TO WEST END

Welcome to West End United Methodist Church! We seek to be the loving light of Christ in Nashville and beyond. We gather as the people of God with a wide range of religious backgrounds, education levels, political and theological perspectives, and we value that diversity. We welcome and celebrate the gifts God has given to all without regard to gender identity, race, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnicity, or mental or physical ability.

We believe God loves everyone unconditionally!

Scan this QR Code or visit westendumc.org/links to register your attendance with us, find out more about our Sunday Morning Classes, sign up for our weekly email, and learn more about the different ways to give at West End.



PRAYER REQUESTS AND CONCERNS

♦ Sympathies to Jerry Ishee II and family as they mourn the death of his father, Jerry Ervin Ishee of Laurel, Mississippi on February 4th.

♦ **Prayer Requests:** Leon Rader; Stacie Denton; Gina Dixon; individuals in the hospital having procedures, recovering from illness, those in treatment, and the families that are caring for them; those affected by the recent tornadoes; peace in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine

If you have an emergency and need to contact one of the Pastors after hours, please call 615.321.8500, Ext. 8853. The Pastor on Call for February 12-18 will be Rev. Maggie Jarrell. To submit a prayer request, visit westendumc.org/prayerrequest.

USHER AND GREETER TRAINING SESSION :: THIS MORNING

This morning at 10 a.m., there will be a training session for all of our current Sunday morning Ushers and Greeters, as well as for anyone that may be interested in joining the team! We'll meet in Scales Chapel where we'll discuss what all is asked of volunteers, go through the church's Safe Sanctuary Policy, and will update you on security procedures. If you would like to learn more about being an Usher or Greeter on Sunday mornings or other special events but can't make the meeting, contact Shannon Baxter at sbaxter@westendumc.org.

SMALL GROUPS INTEREST SESSION :: FEBRUARY 21

The Lenten Season is a time for all of us to recommit to the spiritual journey and to growing in our faith. Now is a great time to consider joining a small group, if you're not already connected. There will be an interest session on Wednesday, February 21, at 6 pm in McWhirter Hall for all who want to learn more. Email Rev. Will McLeane for more information at wmcleane@westendumc.org.

WEST END PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Our Preschool has immediate openings in the PreK Classroom (DOB September 2018-August 2019). If you are interested in a tour or to learn more, contact Christina Shoptaw at cshoptaw@westendumc.org.

FEBRUARY'S COMMUNION OFFERING - 30 HR FAMINE

For the month of February, our communion offering will benefit the 30-Hour Famine. Our youth will go without food for 30 hours on March 1st and 2nd to experience hunger. They are doing this to raise money and awareness for two different ministries this year. The local ministry is Villages at Glenclyff to continue their ongoing work of housing persons who need medical respite. The second ministry is World Vision to help bring food and clean water to starving children around the world! Thank you all so much for your generosity!

REGIONAL MISSION TRIP TO SAGER BROWN :: APRIL 13-20

We are going to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana April 13-20! We'd love for you to come with us as we serve the community and bring down our hygiene kits, cleaning kits, and menstruation kits we've made this year. We'll assist at the depot, do projects around town, and learn about our connectional response to disasters around the globe through the good work of UMCOR. We will have a free day to explore New Orleans as well. Register here at westendumc.org/sagerbrown.

CHAT AND CHEW LUNCH FOR COLLEGE AND GRAD STUDENTS

All undergrad and graduate students are invited to join us for free lunch after the 11 a.m. service. Meet Pastor Aimee in the back of the church after the service, and we will head out to eat together.

ACCESSIBILITY IN WORSHIP

♦ **Service Dogs** - On Sundays, we may have congregants with service or guide dogs in worship with us. Please warmly welcome them both but refrain from petting the dog because it is a distraction to the animal while its working.

♦ **Braille Bulletins** - Also, we are now able to offer braille bulletins for those who may need it to fully participate in our worship service. Please email Pastor Stacey at sharwelldye@westendumc.org so we can make those arrangements and have it available for you.

♦ **Adult and Youth Sensory Bags** - We have sensory bags at each sanctuary entrance for adults and youth. If this is a need of yours, feel free to grab a bag and return it to the cart at the end of the service. Our intention is to make our service welcoming for all individuals with the hope that you feel best equipped for a fulfilling worship experience.

♦ **Assistive Listening Devices** - There are assisted listening devices available for anyone who may need them. They can be found in the Narthex or in Reed Hall.

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LENT 2024

Find information about all of the events happening during Lent at westendumc.org/lent

SPIRITUAL FORMATION PRACTICES DURING LENT

♦ **Daily Lenten Devotional Practice** - In this Lenten season when we seek by grace to live justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, we are inviting our congregation to engage in a shared practice of daily prayer. We will use *Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals* as a daily devotional resource. Every day, authors Enuma Okoro, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, and Shaine Claiborne will ground our prayers both in the ancient liturgies of the Church as well as in the stories of saints who have embodied lives of justice and mercy.

You can order a physical copy of the book or engage in the practice online at commonprayer.net.

♦ **Lent Book Reading** - This Lent, we are inviting the congregation to read local author Lindsey Krinks' (Open Table Nashville) *Praying with Our Feet: Pursuing Justice and Healing on the Streets*. We will have a few copies available in the Bowen Library for communal use. We look forward to learning from a local expert how God is calling us to faithfully seek justice and mercy with and for our city. Grab your copy and join us on March 3 as Lindsey Krinks joins us for our First Wednesday time together.

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS

♦ **Annual Pancake Supper ♦ February 13** - Join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 at 5 p.m. for this beloved West End tradition of pancakes, sausage, and loads of fun for all ages. Reserve your spot TODAY so that we can prepare accordingly. Visit westendumc.org/pancakes to make your reservation.

♦ **Shrove Tuesday Jazz Mass ♦ February 13** - Make plans to attend a Mardi Gras-style Jazz Mass on Shrove Tuesday, February 13 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This festive celebration of Holy Communion is framed in a jazz setting, with a jazz band, a Mardi Gras-style procession, hymns, soloists from the recording industry, and vocal interpretations of the traditional texts.

♦ **Ash Wednesday Services ♦ February 14 ♦ 12 Noon and 6:15 p.m.** - Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of these services focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ through the imposition of ashes.

♦ **Lenten Noon Concert ♦ February 15** - We begin our Thursday Lenten Noon Concert series with cellist, Keith Nicholas and pianist, Matthew Phelps performing Beethoven's Cello Sonata, No. 3 in A Major. Each half-hour concert will begin promptly at noon. Lunch is available in McWhirter Hall at 12:30 p.m. for \$12. **Lunch requires reservations.** Register online at westendumc.org/lentenconcerts.

LENTEN SPECIAL OFFERING ♦ OPEN TABLE NASHVILLE

Our Lenten special offering will go to the work of Open Table Nashville. This organization exemplifies the emphasis on both mercy and justice by providing tangible goods that help keep people alive while experiencing homelessness, as well as walking with them to housing. They provide excellent training and advocate alongside those without homes in the halls of the legislature against laws that criminalize homelessness. West End has a special relationship through our sponsorship of one of their street outreach workers. This amazing individual knows folks experiencing chronic homelessness by going out to the places they stay. We have the ability to refer individuals to them and help their recently housed folks stay in housing with financial assistance. The Lenten special offering goes towards our goal of \$10,000 to support the salary of one of these street outreach workers. Give at westendumc.org/give.

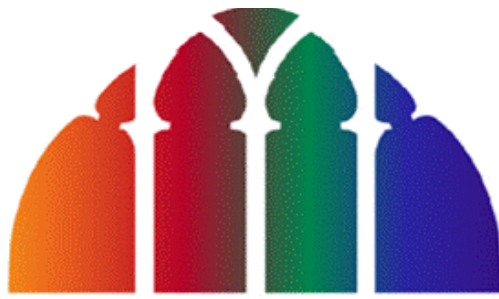
MERCY AND JUSTICE OPPORTUNITIES DURING LENT

Over the 40 days of Lent, there are numerous ways you can live into our calling to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God, and we have found several opportunities we can engage in as a community of faith. Check out the different ways to be involved and register to participate at the Lenten Mercy and Justice Hub on our website. Scan this QR code or visit westendumc.org/mercyandjusticeopportunities to find out more.



♦ **Homelessness Day on the Hill ♦ February 20** - Led by Open Table Nashville, this event will focus on continuing to educate and build relationships with our elected officials to ensure that the interconnected issues of housing, homelessness, and tenant issues are on the forefront of our legislators' minds!

♦ **United Methodist Day on the Hill ♦ February 27** - Join other United Methodists on the hill to focus on gun safety legislation with training in the morning and then advocacy with elected officials in the afternoon. We will be joining Moms Demand Action and other gun safety groups in this effort.



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